

TidBits



Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers have been provided by: Lee Garrard and family in memory of her husband Bob; and Dave & Mary Barrows in celebration of their 60th anniversary.



Running of the Squares

Saturday, March 31 at 8 a.m. — Spanish Springs

Spend a fun morning with New Covenant at the Running of the Squares. This is the third and final race of the Villages 2017-18 5K race series. Walk OR run — join "Team "New Covenant UMC." At 7:30 a.m. on race day, our team will meet in front of The Sharon for a group photo.

Register: <https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/LadyLake/RunningtheSquaresSpanishSprings>

Entry Fees: (all fees are non-refundable)

\$25 through March 28 • \$30 after March 28. Your fee includes a t-shirt (while supplies last) and registration packet.



A Walk Through Holy Week: A Family Experience

Easter Sunday, April 1 from 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center

During Holy Week, families come to gather and visit from all over. This Easter Sunday, we will have a walk-through experience of Holy Week. To make this event as special as it can be, we need supplies!

These items may be something you have in your home.

- Artificial potted flowers
- Ceramic jar with lid
- Chalices/goblets (12)
- Crates
- Crutches
- Glass bottles of various sizes
- Large- and medium-sized greenery (large palms/trees)
- Rooster
- Sword or spears

If you are able to loan supplies, please contact Brianna Jimenez, Children's Minister, at (352) 750-4529, or drop off supplies outside of the Children's Room. Please attach your name and phone number to your supplies. They can be picked up in Classroom 1 after Easter.

Making connections



Connect Small Groups Two-day Facilitator Training

Wednesdays, March 14 & 21 from 1–3 p.m. — Conference Room

Have you ever thought you might like to facilitate a Connect Small Group but were not sure you had the confidence to do so? Do you have the ability to "connect" well with others?

You are invited to attend the Connect Small Group Facilitator Training Workshop where you will learn tips on how to facilitate a group, as well as learn about the importance of Connect Small Groups and the suggested format for groups. **Small Groups = Big Impact!**

To register for the upcoming workshop or for more information, please contact Jenny Sweat at jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org or call (352) 750-4529.



Solo Flight Singles Monthly Gathering

Friday, March 16 from 4–6 p.m. — Chapel

All singles are invited to attend! We will have two presenters, Marg Place and Peggy Sue Cesarec, who will share their experiences from travels to other countries — sharing the beauty and nature of God's wonderful creations, as well as the religious cultures and customs.

You are invited to an enjoyable time of friendship and hospitality. For more information, please contact Laura Tomich at la339@embarqmail.com or (352) 259-1200.

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
March 11	Joshua 1-4	Deuteronomy 1-2	Sunday: No Reading	John 2
March 12	Joshua 5-8	Deuteronomy 3-4	Mark 11:1–19	John 3
March 13	Joshua 9-11	Deuteronomy 5-7	Mark 11:20–12:12	John 4
March 14	Joshua 12-15	Deuteronomy 8-10	Mark 12:13–44	John 5
March 15	Joshua 16-18	Deuteronomy 11-13	Mark 13:1–23	John 6
March 16	Joshua 19-21	Deuteronomy 14-16	Mark 13:24–14:9	John 7
March 17	Joshua 22-24	Deuteronomy 17-20	Mark 14:10–31	John 8
March 18	Judges 1-2	Deuteronomy 21-23	Sunday: No Reading	John 9

Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." (Matthew 26:39)

Lord, we continue to teeter on the fine line of your words, "My will or thy will be done."

Our choices can either cause us to fall off the line, or balance ourselves perfectly on your will and grace.

Give us the "will" to follow your "Will," so that your Kingdom may be glorified.

We love you and your "Will," Lord. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

REMINDER: Please take your weekly bulletin home as you leave today. Use it as a prayer guide for the scheduled activities and the ministries of our church.

Sunday Christian Education Classes			
7:45 a.m.	Early Risers	The Lord's Prayer: Connecting with God	Chapel
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages newborn to 5 years old	Children's Room
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	Prayer	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Joshua	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	The Lord's Prayer: Connecting with God	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Acknowledging God	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Infrastructure	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	The Lord's Prayer: Connecting with God	Classrooms 6/7
10:30 a.m.	Spirited Singles	Christian group discussion	Classroom 3
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Joshua	Classroom 11

New Covenant United Methodist Church

Summerhill Contemporary Worship
Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Summerhill Blended Worship
Sunday 7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45 a.m.

Summerhill Children's Orchard Worship
Sunday 10:45 a.m. (Classroom 1)

Lake Deaton Worship (Eisenhower Rec Center)
Sunday 8:30 • 9:45 • 11:00 a.m.

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Worship Attendance for last week: 3,355

(BEACH) 52 • (Roots) 20 • (Orchard Worship) 9 • (Grounded Youth Group) 28

(Celebrate Recovery) 71 • (Fresh Expressions) 42

(Saturday Contemporary) 401 • (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45–268 • 9:15–1,097 • 10:45–801

(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30–218 • 9:45–234 • 11:00–114

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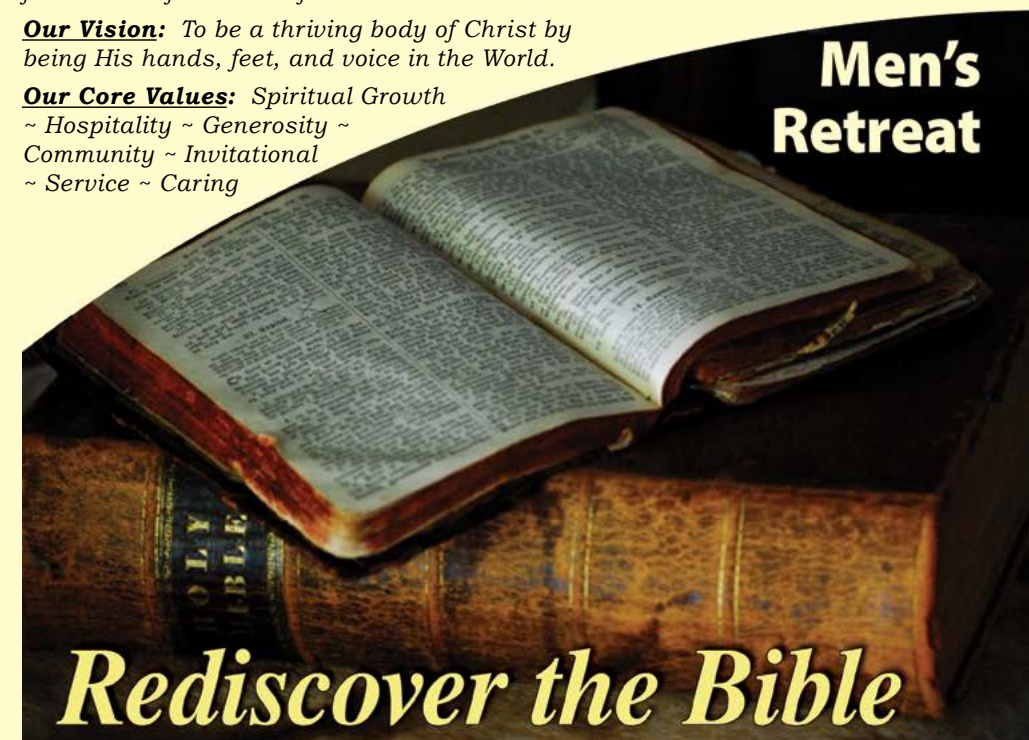
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Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.

Our Vision: To be a thriving body of Christ by being His hands, feet, and voice in the World.

Our Core Values: Spiritual Growth
~ Hospitality ~ Generosity ~
Community ~ Invitational
~ Service ~ Caring



By popular request, it's time to "Rediscover the Bible" — a spiritual-growth journey which Pastor Gary Cantrell will lead us like no other can. This Book leads the best-seller list year after year and generation after generation. You probably have one (or several). Come away with us and learn what we need to know to appreciate the classic Book that changes hearts and lives through eight intriguing sessions over a day-and-a-half.

Our Session Topics Include...

- How We Got the Bible
- Can the Bible be Trusted?
- What are the Dead Sea Scrolls?
- The Gospels: "Lost" & Found
- How to Study the Bible
- The Bible Becomes Decisive

Limited Spots Available!

Register today at a kiosk in the East Narthex between Worship Services.

Registration Deadline is Monday, March 12.

New Covenant Annual Men's Spring Retreat

Monday & Tuesday — March 19-20

Life Enrichment Center, Fruitland Park

\$69 per person includes:

- Single Room/Private Bath • 5 Meals • All Retreat Materials
- Movie (Risen) • Popcorn • Ice Cream Social
- Study • Fellowship • Round Table Discussions • Breaks

Commuter Option (\$29) • Scholarships • Carpooling Available

Saturday "make-up" sessions will be held at a later date for those men who are unable to attend this year's retreat. For more information, contact Don Buckey at 919-662-6360.



Easter Flowers

The Chancel Guild will be placing live flowering plants on the Altar for the Easter Weekend Worship Services. If you would like to donate a plant in honor or memory of someone, you may sign up at a kiosk in the East Narthex.

The cost for each plant is \$10 cash or check (payable to NCUMC), which will be accepted when you sign up. Plants you purchase will be available for you to take home following the 10:45 Worship Service on Easter Sunday, April 1.

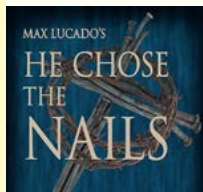


Potluck Dinner — Food, Fellowship & Fun!

Saturday, March 24, following Worship Service — Fellowship Center

Enjoy meeting and connecting with your fellow worshipers at our first "Saturday Night Potluck Dinner." Please bring a dish to share. Volunteers will meet you as you arrive for Worship Service to place your dish in the refrigerator or warmer, as needed. Beverages and all paper products will be provided.

Suggested menu requests are based on the beginning letter of your last name, as follows: (A–H) Main Dish; (I–O) Salad/Vegetables/Fruit; (P–Z) Dessert



Max Lucado's "He Chose the Nails"

Holy Thursday, March 29 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center

A worship experience led by Rev. Jim Divine. This performance features the Summerhill Praise Band, guest vocalist David Rowan, classical guitarist Jay Shepherd, and special guest Kim Hill.



Pastors' Sermons are on Our Website

Just a Reminder: If you are unable to attend weekend Worship Services, you may still hear our pastor's weekly message on our website!

Log on to www.newcovenantumc-fl.org, hover over the "Worship" button, click on "Worship Services," and select the date you wish to watch.



Look, Learn, Lead Study Guides

"In the Garden" — Lenten Sermon Series

If you would like a "Look, Learn, Lead" study guide, they are available at the Welcome Center, a kiosk, and a table in the East Narthex.

All weekly guides are also available on our website — just click the "Worship" button and select "Sermon Series." Choose whichever series you wish to download.

Holy Week Services at New Covenant

Palm Sunday, March 25 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Day He Wore My Crown — "The Passion Story through Song"

Holy Thursday, March 29 at 6 p.m.

Max Lucado's, He Chose the Nails

Good Friday, March 30 at 12 p.m.

Holy Saturday, March 31 at 5 p.m.

Easter Sunrise, April 1 at 6:30 a.m. (East Parking Lot)

Easter Worship, April 1 at 7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45 a.m.



Helping Hands/Bargains & Blessings Volunteers

Sunday, March 18 at 4 p.m. — Chapel

All Helping Hands and Bargains & Blessings current volunteers — and any individuals interested in volunteering — are invited to this general meeting. Hear the latest happenings at B & B, the upcoming home construction, and any questions or suggestions you may have.



Spring Food Drive for the Wildwood Food Pantry

Our Food Drive is quickly approaching. Help us defeat hunger in the Wildwood area by donating non-perishable food items. After Worship Services next weekend, March 17/18, you will find a grocery bag on your car or golf cart with an attached list of food items. Please take your bag home, fill it with items from the list, and bring your bag back to church the following weekend, March 24/25.

No time to shop, rather give cash? Write a check payable to the "Wildwood Food Pantry" and hand it to one of the many volunteers that will be collecting bags that weekend.



Volunteers Needed for College Connection!

We are searching for volunteers to write a monthly note or card, and/or send our college students an occasional "care package."

We want to let them know we are supporting and thinking about them during the school year. It does not need to be fancy or expensive, just an occasional reminder that they are still connected with New Covenant.

For more information, please contact Kayla McIntosh, Youth Minister, at (352) 750-4529 or kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org. Be creative, caring, and connecting!



Going North for the Summer or on Vacation?

Let church volunteers secure your home in the event of a disaster. Simply complete the "Homeowner Release of Liability" form found on the church website. Select the "Resources" button and click on "Forms." Complete the form and return it to the church.

These forms are also available in the Administration Office for your convenience. In the event of an emergency, repairs will be made to your home to keep it safe. If you have any questions, please call Larry Frum at (352) 638-0533.



Helping Hands Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, April 21 — Eagle Ridge Golf Club (Spruce Creek Del Webb)

The tournament fee is \$85 (golf cart included). The Banquet and Silent Auction will be Sunday, April 22 in the Fellowship Center. Additional banquet tickets may be purchased for \$25.

Register at a kiosk in the East Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact John Kelley at (352) 259-6380.



Early Response/Disaster Relief Team Training

Monday & Tuesday, April 23 & 24

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the New Covenant Early Response/Disaster Relief Team is invited to attend a one and a half day workshop. Monday will be a full-day class (7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.) of training at New Covenant and Tuesday will be a half-day class (8 a.m.–12 p.m.) of hands-on activities at Camp Willis in Fruitland Park.

There is no cost for the class — all expenses are covered by the Early Response Team. Registration information will be announced at a later date. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Watson at (352) 205-8553.



Health Education Speaker Series

Tuesday, March 20 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center

We welcome Dr. David Casper, locally renowned dermatologist and member of our community of faith. Dr. Casper will present on the topic of "Aging Skin" — its care and its concerns.

The Congregational Health Team works hard to put together interesting and informative events to keep us all in the best health we can be! Join us and invite a friend! This event is free and open to the public.



"Come Just as You Are" — Prayer and Anointing

Wednesdays, through March 28 from 8:30–9 a.m. — Chapel

Please feel free to stop by and join Pastor Harold for individual prayer each Wednesday morning during the Lenten season.



Prayers & Squares Quilt Ministry Needs Volunteers

Can You Sew?

If so, you have a unique opportunity to be the "Hands, Feet, and Voice of Jesus" to those in special need of prayer. You can help people who are in urgent need of prayer by being a part of the Prayers & Squares Quilt Ministry! Your help is needed to keep up with the increasing number of requests for prayer quilts. (Note: 160 quilts were prayed over and given away in 2017 by the Summerhill Chapter.)

Can You Pray?

Please say a prayer and tie a knot in each quilt whenever you see them on the prayer rail. Your prayers are needed to help bring comfort and strength to those going through a very difficult situation.

For the guidelines or more information on how you can help, please contact Diane Placek at (352) 633-9495 or Debra Campanella at (352) 348-5762.



Happy Hands Also Needs Volunteers!

Our Happy Hand Knitting & Crocheting Ministry also needs help. This group makes prayer shawls that help provide a tangible sign of prayer to those we visit — and they will teach you how to knit or crochet. For more information, please contact Anna Sivak at (908) 246-9711.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Sheree Ludwig-Tiller suffering from COPD, pneumonia, and MRSA; and Jerry Brown who had knee surgery; Otis Land who is battling colon cancer; Bobbie Sardelis for personal prayer; Jenny Kuhn for personal prayer; and Mary Lynn Williams for personal prayer. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Harry Shaffer, family and friends on the passing of his wife Libby.

For dates and locations of memorial services, please check our website: www.newcovenantumc-fl.org.

New Concerns

Mark Bloom, Vivian Braddock, Marge Cain, Debra Carter, Bonnie Fisher, Frank, Dick Graja, Grocutt Family, Holly Hallett, Edeline Klabach, Linda Klehm, Bill Koebel, Theresa Ludwig, Sheree Ludwig-Tiller, Barbara Lobsinger, Clara Myslinski, Bob and Sally Plesnicher, Donn & Katherine Poole, Gail Rathgeber, Debra Saunders, Kara Savage, Emily Stewart, Philip Sturtz, Jan Thomas, Lillian Zdan